

City of Fort Smith, Arkansas
Minutes of the Streets, Bridges and Associated Drainage
Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Advisory Committee Meeting
August 31, 2017

A meeting of the Streets, Bridges and Associated Drainage Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Advisory Committee was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on August 31, 2017, in the Planning Conference Room #326 of the City by Aaron St. Amant.

Committee members present:

Aaron St. Amant – Ward 3 (Chairman)
Stan Vlademar – Ward 1
Tiffinee Baker – Ward 2
Robert Brown – Ward 3
David Armbruster – Ward 4
Nathaniel Deason – Ward 4

Committee members absent:

Philip Rosar – Ward 4

City Staff Present:

Stan Snodgrass, Director of Engineering
Jennifer Stevens, Accounting Technician
Matt Meeker, Interim Director of Operations
Carl Geffken, City Administrator
Jeff Dingman, Deputy City Administrator

Minutes of the August 3, 2017 Meeting

Aaron St. Amant made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Stan Vlademar seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Aaron St. Amant recommended that we move up the Citizen's Forum and Discussion with Ivy Owen, FCRA from the end of the meeting as there were several representatives from the Chaffee area regarding street work in the Chaffee area.

Citizen's Forum and Discussion with Ivy Owen, Executive Director of The Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority regarding street work

Ivy Owen, Executive Director of the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Area (FCRA) asked the committee members to give consideration for relief with the traffic in the FCRA on Wells Lake Road and Massard Road. Ivy Owen stated that there is a tremendous amount of traffic out there and hopes that we can speed up the work. He stated Wells Lake Road

needs to be widened and resurfaced including the installation of curb, guttering and sidewalks. Ivy stated they anticipate significant growth and expect to see additional increased traffic in this area.

Stan Snodgrass provided an overview of traffic in the FCRA. In the last few weeks, the city took traffic counts at a dozen locations in the FCRA which included Wells Lake Road, Massard Road, McClure Drive, Chad Colley Boulevard and R.A. Young, Jr. Drive. (A copy of the traffic counts are attached) Stan noted that traffic on Massard Road north of McClure Drive is at a point where the additional two lanes should be constructed. Stan also noted that the traffic counts on Wells Lake Road were low and there was no need for widening at this time. Stan gave a comparison of other two lane streets with considerably more traffic across the city relative to the existing traffic on Wells Lake Road. Stan did note that Wells Lake Road was in need of resurfacing. Stan further stated to the committee that it was his recommendation to include construction of the two additional lanes on Massard Road to south of McClure Drive, a traffic signal at McClure Drive and Massard Road and the resurfacing of Wells Lake Road on the proposed 2018 CIP.

Walter Echols asked about the status of the Zero Street Widening project. Stan Snodgrass stated that the ArDOT state transportation improvement plan shows it starting in 2020 but there has been talk about trying to accelerate it to 2019. Stan Snodgrass stated that the City has started the design and approval process for adding the right turn lane on Zero Street for eastbound traffic turning south onto Massard Road. Walter Echols asked when the Wells Lake Road resurfacing would take place and if sharrow markings for bicycles could be included. Stan stated the project would likely be under construction next summer. Carl Geffken stated sharrows could be included and that he and Stan Snodgrass had already discussed it.

Kyle Parker said that he spoke with Scott Bennett of ArDOT who stated that the Zero Street Widening project is set for 2019. Kyle said he also spoke to Trinity Smith with ArDOT about the expansion of Zero Street (Hwy 255) and Trinity stated the work can be completed in stages to help with the traffic.

Ivy Owens stated he appreciates what the City of Fort Smith is offering and inviting him to the CIP Meeting, and letting them state their ideas. David Armbruster asked Ivy if the FCRA would consider cost sharing on the resurfacing of Wells Lake Road and Ivy stated they would.

David Armbruster made a motion to ask the FCRA to share 50/50 on the resurfacing cost for the Wells Lake Road resurfacing. Tiffinee Baker seconded the motion, with all in favor none opposed.

Old Business:

Aaron St. Amant asked for updates on the old business items. Stan Snodgrass stated there had been no change due to ongoing preparation of the upcoming CIP and being short two of four project engineers.

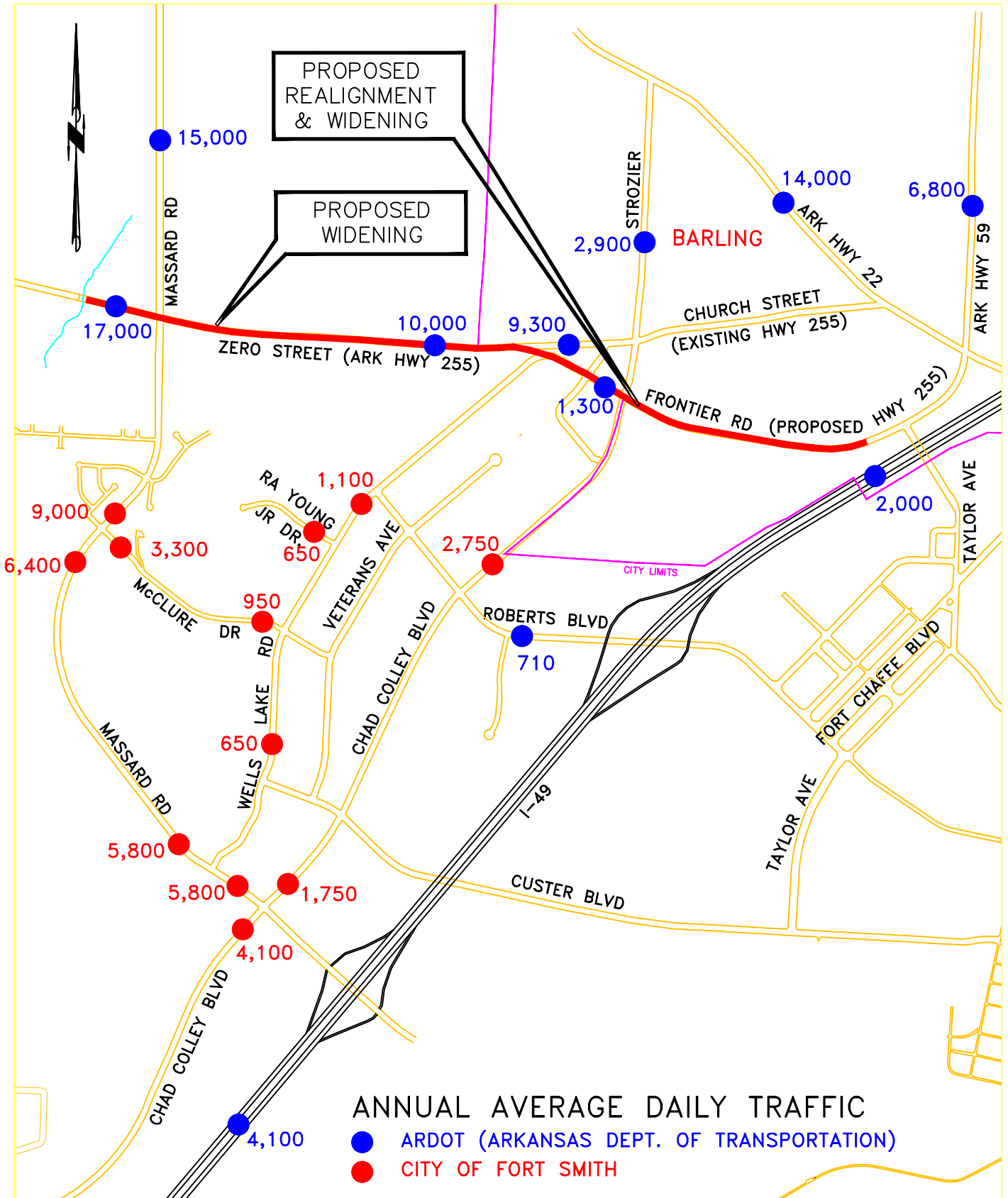
New Business:

Stan Snodgrass gave a brief overview of the 2018 CIP referring to the dollar amounts for the various types of projects which were approved as part of the 2017 CIP. He indicated there would be more detailed project specific information presented at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be September 28, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room #326.

With no further discussion or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Aaron St. Amant and seconded by David Armbruster at 1:30 p. m. All were in favor with none opposed.

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TRAFFIC COUNTS - FCRA



Project:

Date: AUGUST 2017

Scale: NONE

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